

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Purpose: To provide minimum standards for the designation of fire lanes, private streets, and building addresses.
- B. Scope: This regulation shall apply whenever the aforementioned subjects are encountered.
- C. Author: The Assistant Chief (Fire Marshal) of the Prevention Bureau is responsible for the origin and maintenance of this regulation.

II. RESPONSIBILITY

All personnel with fire suppression and code enforcement responsibilities shall insure the compliance with this regulation whenever violations are anticipated or encountered.

III. POLICY

Access to, and the proper identification of properties is imperative in order for this Department to carry out and fulfill its obligation to protect life and property.

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. Fire Lanes: Unobstructed access clear to the sky for fire fighting purposes is required when fire equipment must use access routes other than improved dedicated public roadways to get within 150 feet of any portion of the first story of any structure. F.C. 902.2.1.

In order to maintain the availability of access for fire equipment on private property when the aforementioned requirement is pertinent, the designation "FIRE LANE" shall be used. The following method of fire lane description is consistent with Section 22500.1 of the California Vehicle Code:

- 1. All roadways or driveways that have been determined by the Fire Department to be Fire Lanes shall be labeled as such on the final subdivision map or final building plans.
- 2. Prior to any occupancy, the entrances to, and all intermittent spacing

distances of 150 feet on both sides of the required private roadways or driveways which have been determined by the Fire Department to be in need of restrictive parking shall be designated by posting Fire Department approved "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" signs. See Figure 1.

3. On all existing properties requiring restrictive parking, the Fire Department shall make the final determination in accordance with Section 22500.1 of the Vehicle Code, as to the method and need of designation.

B. Street Signs: Approved street signs shall be installed at each street intersection prior to occupancy of any structure.

1. Installation of approved street signs, both public or private, is the responsibility of the developer creating the roadway.
 - a. Approved street sign requirements exist in both the unincorporated areas and in the cities served by this Department. These requirements are enforced by the County Department of Public Works or a city's public works department.
2. Private access roadways or driveways shall, in the absence of any approved city requirements, conform to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works public street requirements regarding sign design and installation.

C. Building Address Numbering: To avoid delays in response, all building address numbers shall meet the following requirements:

1. Approved address numbers shall be installed prior to occupancy.
2. Address numbers shall be a minimum of 3 inches in height, 1 inch wide with a stroke of 3/8ths of an inch.
 - a. Where structures are set back more than 150 feet from the street, numbers shall be a minimum of 5 inches in height, 2 inch wide with a stroke of 1/2 inch.
3. Address numbers shall be placed and maintained on the front of all buildings and shall be of contrasting color to the background and readily visible at night.
4. If a structure is not visible from the street, the address number shall be posted adjacent to the roadway or driveway entrance. Numbers shall be a minimum of 3 inches in height, 1 inch wide with a stroke of 3/8ths of an

inch.

5. Multiple residential and commercial units having entrance doors not visible from the street or road shall have, in addition to the requirements of 901.4.4 (a), approved numbers grouped for all units within each structure and positioned to be plainly visible from the street or road. Said numbers may be grouped on the wall of the structure or on a mounting post independent of the structure.

V. APPENDIX

Figure 1 - Approved "NO PARKING - FIRE LANE" Sign

1. Metal Reflectorized Sign
2. Size: Minimum 12" X 18"
3. Minimum 3" Lettering
4. White Background with Red Lettering
5. Bottom of Sign Shall be 7 Feet Above Ground Level.